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**Subject:** FOIA Assignment for EPA-R8-2015-009766

You have been assigned to the FOIA request EPA-R8-2015-009766. Additional details for this request are as follows:

- Assigned By: Alan Engels
- Request Tracking Number: EPA-R8-2015-009766
- Due Date: 09/09/2015
- Requester: AnneClaire Stapleton
- Request Track: Complex
- Short Description: N/A
- Long Description: Re: FOIA Request

Dear EPA DC Office and Regions 6, 8 and 9 FOIA Officers,

On August 5, 2015, workers employed by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) triggered a breach at the Gold King Mine outside Silverton in San Juan County.

Pursuant to the Federal Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552 (the "Act"), Cable News Network, Inc. ("CNN") requests access to and copies of all records relating to communications from the EPA ground team (the EPA employees and/or contractors who triggered a breach at Gold King Mine outside Silverton in San Juan County) to regional EPA offices and EPA headquarters in the hours and 10 days following the spill on August 5, 2015, specifically including, but not limited to email, internal communications, text messages, etc.

CNN agrees to pay reasonable duplication fees for the processing of this request in an amount not to exceed \$300. Please notify me prior to your incurring any expenses in excess of that amount.

If CNN's request is denied in whole or part, we ask that you justify all deletions by reference to the specific exemptions of the Act. CNN will also expect you to release all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material. CNN reserves the right to appeal your decision to withhold any information.

If you have questions regarding this request, please contact me as soon as possible by email NatDeskFOIA@CNN.com and phone 404-827-1511.

As I have made this request in the capacity as a journalist and this information is of timely value, I would appreciate your expediting the consideration of this request in every way possible. In any event, I look forward to your reply within 20 business days, as the Act requires.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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